

REMARKS

The advisory action of January 12, 2005, indicates that claims 23-24 and 28-31 have been allowed and that claims 22, 27 and 32 include patentable subject matter. The advisory action maintains the rejection of claims 20-21, 25-26 and 33. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on November 24, 2004.

The present amendment amends the claims so as to place the application in condition for allowance and to avoid the need for further prosecution of the appeal. Specifically, the subject matter of allowable claim 22 has been added to claim 20, and the subject matter allowable claim 27 has been added to claim 25. Claims 21, 22 and 27 have been cancelled to place the application in condition for allowance.

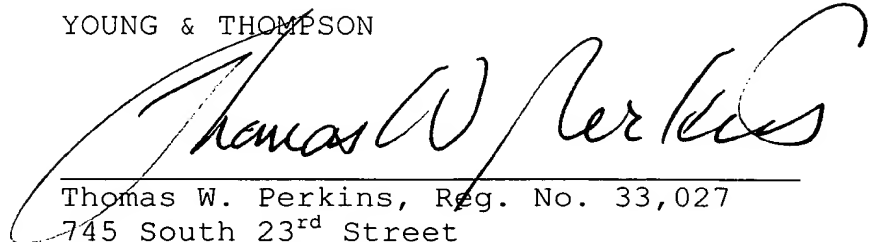
In view the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance and that further prosecution of the appeal is not required. It is respectfully requested that the application be returned to the examination of the Examiner for consideration of this amendment and that the application be allowed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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